

Records of *Platycerus feminatus* (Coleoptera, Lucanidae)
from the Southernmost Part of Ebian Yizu Zizhixian
in South-central Sichuan, Southwest China

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Platycerus feminatus was described by TANIKADO and TABANA (1997, p. 7) based upon totally 37 specimens collected from “west of Datengding [sic; misspelling of Dafengding], Weiheiluo [sic; misspelling of Weiheluo], Yiguoque Xiang, Meigu Xian” of the southern part of Sichuan Province. Since then, however, no contribution has been made to this species and our knowledge is still very poor on its distributional range and geographical variation. Late in the autumn of 2006, I made a collecting trip to the southernmost part of Ebian Yizu Zizhixian in south-central Sichuan, and succeeded in collecting a short series of *P. feminatus* as follows.

Specimens examined. 2♀♀ (12.5–12.7 mm in length including mandibles), Taiyangping [太阳坪], ca. 2,300 m in altitude, near the southern end of Ebian Yizu Zizhixian of Leshan Shi in south-central Sichuan, Southwest China, 7–XI–2006, Y. IMURA leg., in coll. Y. IMURA.

Remarks. Both the two specimens were obtained from rather old secondary forest mainly composed of deciduous broadleaved tree (*Acer*, *Betula*, etc.) partly mixed with certain kind of coniferous tree. They were hibernating in gray- to brown-rotten part of standing withered wood at about 20 to 40 cm above the ground. So far as I have examined the external and female genitalic features, the Taiyangping specimens are almost identical with the nominotypical subspecies distributed in Weiheluo of northern Meigu Xian.

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